District headquarters of Coast Guards

3134. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Coast Guard district Headquarters will be commissioned at Paradeep in Orissa during this year; and

(b) if so, what are the names of other places where district Headquarters are functioning at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

3135. [*Transferred to the 29th March, 1988*]

Shooting of Civilians in Batticaloa by Sri Lankan Police

3136. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian High Commission had accused the Sri Lankan Police of shooting civilians in Batticaloa District in the last week of December, 1987; and

(b) what factors led to make such accusation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) On December 27, 1987, after an incident in which the LTTE had attacked the Sri Lankan police killing one of its members, a police party had gone out into the Batticaloa bazaar area and shot dead 20 civilians, injured other and destroyed or damaged private residences. As soon as the IPKF become aware of the incident, they had deployed troops and brought the situation under control. Subsequently a protest was lodged by the IPKF with the Sri Lankan authorities pointing out that under the terms of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement the Sri Lankan police were not to move about with weapons on their own without IPKF escort. In rerponse to queries by journalists the High Commission had conveyed these facts.

Development of Electronic Technology in Asian Countries

3137. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China is fast developing in electronics far ahead of India making India's eoffrts in electronics fiercely competetive; and

(b) what measures are being taken by Government for developing electronics technology faster in the Asian countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) It is known that China is developing electronics, but we do not hvae access to full information in the subject.

(b) Under the auspices of the Asia Electronics Union (AEU), a Seminar entitled "Regional Cooperation in Electronics and Telecommunication—Industry & Technology" was organised on February 12-13, 1988 with the prime objective of developing Electronics Technology faster in the Asian countries, resulting in recommendations for possible areas of cooperation Various countries are being specifically approached to give their suggestion to promote this idea.